Labo Exchange  (Japan)

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♦ Since 1980, 4,000 Ohio 4-H families have hosted Japanese youth and adults for one month.
♦ Since 1989, 194 Ohio 4-H families have hosted 174 Japanese youth for one year.
♦ Since 1980, 271 Ohio 4-H youth and adults have traveled to Japan for one or two months.
♦ Since 1980, 9 Ohio 4-H older teens have worked in Japan as Labo Interns for one year.

Other Overseas Homestay Programs
(Costa Rica, Finland & Norway – not all countries offered every year)

♣ In 2019, about 10 Ohio 4-H youth and adults will travel abroad to live with host families in these countries for 1 month, and several Ohio 4-H host families will host youth and adults from these countries.

♦ Since 2006, 30 Ohio 4-H youth and adult chaperones have traveled on these programs.
♦ Since 2006, 47 Ohio 4-H families have hosted for one month on these programs.

International Volunteers

♣ 35 middle-manager volunteer International County Coordinators (ICCs) are assisting Ohio 4-H in developing and conducting our international programs during 2019. They contribute more than 6,350 hours annually.

International Speakers

♣ In 2019, over 1,000 Ohioans will attend a 4-H Cross-Cultural Educational presentation.
♦ Since 1949, 226,000 Ohioans have attended a 4-H Cross-Cultural Educational presentation.

Ohio Youth Study Tours  (Many Countries around the World – program currently inactive)

♦ Between 1994 and 2002, 93 Ohio 4-H youth traveled through Scandinavia, Australia, Europe and Costa Rica for 2-4 weeks, then lived with host families from those countries/continents.
♦ Between 1995 and 2003, 113 Ohio 4-H families hosted Youth Study Tour youth and adults from Denmark, Estonia, Costa Rica and the former East Germany for 2-3 weeks.
♦ Ohio Youth Study Tours may operate again in the future - stay tuned for upcoming announcements.

Reference Only: IFYE Exchange  (20+ Countries – program no longer run through state office)

♣ IFYE, the oldest 4-H exchange, began operation in 1949. The program was discontinued in 2004 (Out-Bound) and 2008 (In-Bound) via Ohio 4-H. The IFYE Association of the USA began running the program privately in 2014.

♦ Between 1949 and 2007, 860 Ohio 4-H families hosted IFYE Representatives (ages 19-25) and Ambassadors (ages 14-19) from around the world for 3-6 weeks each.
♦ Between 1950 and 2004, 253 Ohio 4-H alumni ages 19-25 traveled abroad as IFYE Reps. for 6 months and 60 youth ages 14-19 traveled abroad as IFYE Ambassadors for 6 weeks.